

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of performing to all of said message groups the steps of tabulating the messages and displaying the tabulated data and the field contents [wherein the processing is applied to all groups].

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of placing [wherein each group contains] all of said data link messages of a specific message type into each of said plurality of message groups.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of sorting said list of field contents [wherein the list is sorted].

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of filtering one of said plurality of message groups [wherein the group is filtered] so as to display only messages having a particular content for that field type, the content having been selected from the list of field contents.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of filtering [wherein] the list [is filtered] to remove repeated incidence of content falling within a specified range.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [in which] wherein the data link messages [are] comprise tactical data link messages.

REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend claims 1-7 to address minor formal matters, such as antecedent basis, and to conform the claims more appropriately to U.S. Patent Practice and Laws. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, Figures and claims as originally filed. The above amendments introduce no new matter.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is accordingly in order and requested.